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Dear Sir:

Petitioner, Veri-Tek International Corporation, is the owner of the entire interest in the instant application. Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent Number 6,523,422, issued February 25, 2003. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of the prior patent, as presently shortened by any

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term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to its grant.

Petitioner hereby declares that all statements made herein of its own knowledge are true

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States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application

or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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